



CITY OF LOMA LINDA

Community Development Department
25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda, CA 92354

TRAILS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2006, 6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY ROOM
25541 BARTON ROAD, LOMA LINDA**

- A. CALL TO ORDER 6:04 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL (members present to constitute a quorum)

Committee Members

Present:	<i>Jim Walling, Chairperson</i>	Absent:	<i>James McIntosh</i>
	<i>Lillian Miller, Vice Chair</i>		<i>Jonathan Zirkle</i>
	<i>Lynn Foll</i>		
	<i>Randall Stephens</i>		
	<i>Rudy Szutz</i>		
	<i>Victor Miller</i>		
	<i>Jeanne Wiesseman</i>		

Guests: ***Charles Umeda, Councilman***
Michael Ward
Richard Wiley
Robert Ziprick, Councilman

Staff: ***Deborah Woldruff, Community Development Director***
Jarb Thaipejr, Public Works Director/ City Engineer

- C. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Limited to 30 minutes; 3 minutes allotted for each person)

DISCUSSION – Chair Walling invited all present to introduce themselves. Mr. Foll commented that it would be useful to create a trail along the ridge that would be a cultivated skyline trail. Director Woldruff responded that Mr. Zirkle and Mr. Elssmann had both separately suggested that an asphalt trail be constructed from the San

Timoteo Trail up along Lookout Ridge for accessibility. Councilman Umeda had some additional ideas on the topic.

MOTION – None

- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of February 26, 2004; June 24, 2004; July 22, 2004 (continued from March 2006 Meeting); and, March 23, 2006.

Note: (The minutes of November 18, 2004; February 3, 2005; February 24, 2005; March 24, 2005; and July 28, 2005 are not available at this time.)

DISCUSSION – The Committee approved the four sets of minutes as submitted.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2004, JUNE 24, 2004, JULY 22, 2004, AND MARCH 23, 2006 (SZUTZ/WALLING; CARRIED – 4 YEAS/0 NAYS/2 ABSTAINS/3 ABSENT)

E. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Other Trails Projects – Status Report by CDD and PWD Staff (Old Business).

DISCUSSION – Director Woldruff stated that there was nothing to report on this item and that Director Thaipejr was unavailable to attend the meeting.

MOTION – None

2. General Plan Update Project, South Hills Land Use Designation (October 2005) and Alternatives (3) - Status Report by CDD Staff and Committee Chair and Committee Discussion (Continued from the February 2, 2006 Agenda)

DISCUSSION – Councilman Ziprick was asked to open this item. He stated that he and Councilman Umeda were interested in preparing a ballot measure on the South Hills for the November 2006 Election. He went on to state that the Trails Development Committee had been interested in a Trails Master Plan for trails and preservation of open space for many years.

Councilman Umeda gave an overview of the March 12, 2006 workshop and described how it was organized, what was reviewed and studied, the questionnaire that each of the four groups had completed, and the final matrix that was prepared from the group questionnaires. He went on to say that the City Council gave direction to staff and the City Attorney to prepare the draft ballot measure. Councilman Umeda went into some detail explaining what he and Councilman Ziprick hoped to achieve with the measure and commenting that it would be good to focus on the main principles for the South Hills and leave the details such as density transfer formulas to be worked out later.

Councilman Ziprick discussed setting the City's 800 acres into permanent open space. He and Councilman Umeda recently met with the County Supervisor, Riverside and San Bernardino County Trails members, and Jane Block of the Redlands Land Conservancy. Mr. Ziprick went on to describe how some of the regional trails would link our trail system far back into the canyons and on to Beaumont.

Councilman Umeda explained what would transpire over the next month or two regarding the preparation of the ballot measure. It might be necessary to meet or contact the Trails Development Committee Chair and other members to discuss ideas for the measure. Mr. Ziprick discussed that the time frame for getting the measure on the November ballot is very short and will require some work.

Chair Walling commented that the City Council could not accomplish the task alone and some other councilmember could come in at a later date and change it. Councilmen Umeda and Ziprick responded that placing the open space measure on the ballot provides stronger protections.

Committee Member Foll and Vice Chair Miller both stated they were in favor of this action. Mr. Foll also stated that he would hope that the density in the hills would not be as high in the cluster areas as it is in other developments around town. Mr. Umeda and Mr. Ziprick both responded that there are no plans to increase the density any higher than has already been discussed in the Draft General Plan and Alternatives 1 and 2.

The question of who would pay for the roads, infrastructure and utility extensions into the hills that would be necessary to support future developments was asked by Committee Member Szutz. Director Woldruff responded that the developers would have to pay for their developments as they were constructed.

Committee Member Stephens commented that the primary concern that most people had was that open space should be perpetual and that land use should not be an issue at this point. He indicated that he is in agreement with the need for a City Council sponsored Ballot Measure.

Mr. Foll and Ms. Miller asked how the Committee could ensure that Save Loma Linda presented their side fairly. Councilmen Ziprick and Umeda both stated that if the committees support the measure, particularly the Trails Development Committee, then the measure had a good chance of gaining community support. They added that the difference between the City Council measure and the Save Loma Linda Initiative was that Save Loma Linda wanted to set traffic and congestion thresholds and exempt all non-profits; however, the nonprofits were responsible for 80 percent of the traffic problems that Loma Linda had and that only 20 percent of the landowners would be responsible for solving the traffic problems.

MOTION TO SUPPORT MAXIMIZING THE POTENTIAL OPEN SPACE IN THE SOUTH HILLS WITH CONTINUOUS AND CONTIGUOUS LANDS BEYOND THE ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION OF THE TRAILS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (V. MILLER/FOLL; CARRIED - 6 YEAS/0 NAYS/0 ABSTAINS/3 ABSENT)

F. ADJOURNMENT **7:31 p.m.**

DISCUSSION – The Committee agreed to adjourn 7:31 p.m. to a special meeting on Monday, May 15, 2006.

MOTION - None

Agenda Summary approved at the meeting of May 15, 2006.

Deborah Woldruff, AICP
Community Development Director